

economic benefits. Proponents thought it a boon; opponents predicted negative regional economic impacts. Economic studies done prior to restoration predicted large positive economic benefits. The wolf recovery program has now matured; this proposal would quantify the economic and social effects due to wolf restoration as well as provide critical baseline information for other planning and analyses.

Wolf recovery generates positive economic impacts on the Greater Yellowstone Area (GYA) regional economy in several ways. The most significant impacts arise from visitors traveling from outside the region who choose to come to Yellowstone because wolves are present or who extend their stay because of wolves. Other impacts include wolf-program related expenditures. Economic impacts depend on visitor numbers and expenditures, which are best measured through visitor surveys. Understanding the contribution of wolf recovery requires development of a model of the actual aggregate role of Yellowstone National Park in the regional economy.

Automated data collection: At the present time, there is no automated way to gather this information because it includes directly contacting visitors to Yellowstone National Park.

Description of respondents: Visitors to Yellowstone National Park.

Estimated average number of respondents: 5,000.

Estimated average number of responses: Each respondent will respond only one time, so the number of responses will be the same as the number of respondents.

Estimated average burden hours per response: 23 minutes.

Frequency of Response: 1 time per respondent.

Estimated annual reporting burden: 1,917 hours.

Dated: November 4, 2003.

Leonard E. Stowe,

Acting National Park Service Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Plan of Operations and Environmental Assessment for Seismic Exploration, Big Thicket National Preserve, Texas

AGENCY: National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability of the plan of operations and environmental

assessment for Seismic Exploration within the Big Sandy Creek, Menard Creek Corridor, and Hickory Creek Savannah Units of Big Thicket National Preserve, Polk, Hardin and Tyler Counties, Texas.

SUMMARY: The National Park Service, in accordance with subsection 9.52(b) of Title 36 of the Code of Federal Regulations, part 9, subpart B, has received from Seismic Assistants, Ltd., a Plan of Operations for seismic exploration within Big Thicket National Preserve, Texas. The Plan of Operations and accompanying Environmental Assessment are available for public review and comment.

DATES: The National Park Service will accept comments from the public on the Plan of Operations and Environmental Assessment for 30 days after publication of this notice. No public meetings are scheduled at this time.

ADDRESSES: The Plan of Operations and Environmental Assessment will be available for public review and comment in the office of the Superintendent, Big Thicket National Preserve, 3785 Milam Street, Beaumont, Texas. Copies can be requested from the Superintendent, Big Thicket National Preserve, 3785 Milam Street, Beaumont, Texas 77701 or by calling (409) 839-2689.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Doug Hutter, Acting Chief, Division of Resources Management, Big Thicket National Preserve, 3785 Milam Street, Beaumont, Texas 77701, (409) 839-2689, Extension 232.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: If you wish to comment, you may mail comments to the Superintendent, Big Thicket National Preserve, at the above street address. You may also hand deliver comments to the superintendent at the same address. Our practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review during regular business hours. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their home address from the record, which we will honor to the extent allowable by law. There also may be circumstances in which we would withhold from the record a respondent's identity, as allowable by law. If you wish us to withhold your name and/or address, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. We will make all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, available for public inspection in their entirety.

Dated: September 23, 2003.

Michael D. Snyder,

Deputy Regional Director, Intermountain Region, National Park Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Plan of Operations, Environmental Assessment, Padre Island National Seashore, Texas

AGENCY: National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Availability of a Plan of Operations, Environmental Assessment, and Floodplains and Wetlands Statement of Findings for a 30-day public review at Padre Island National Seashore.

SUMMARY: The National Park Service (NPS), in accordance with Section 9.52(b) of Title 36 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Executive Order 11988, Floodplain Management, and Executive Order 11990, Protection of Wetlands has received from BNP Petroleum Corporation a Plan of Operations for drilling and production of the Dunn-Peach No. 1 Well from a surface location 6.9 miles south along the Gulf beach, from the end of Park Road 22, within Padre Island National Seashore. Additionally, the NPS has prepared an Environmental Assessment and a Floodplains and Wetlands Statement of Findings for the site of the proposed well.

DATES: The above documents are available for public review and comment through December 19, 2003.

ADDRESSES: The Plan of Operations, Environmental Assessment, and Floodplain and Wetlands Statement of Findings are available for public review and comment in the Office of the Superintendent, Padre Island National Seashore, 20301 Park Road 22, Corpus Christi, Texas. Copies of the Plan of Operations are available, for a duplication fee, from the Superintendent, Padre Island National Seashore, PO Box 181300, Corpus Christi, Texas 78480-1300.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Arlene Wimer, Environmental Protection Specialist, Padre Island National Seashore, PO Box 181300, Corpus Christi, Texas 78480-1300, Telephone: 361-949-8173 x 224, e-mail at Arlene_Wimer@nps.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: If you wish to submit comments about this document within the 30 days; mail them